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29 November 1965

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Appointment of New Chairman of the
Economic Intelligence Committee

REFERENCE : DCID No. 3/1, 23 April 1965

25X1 1. The Director of Central Intelligence has appointed [] 25X1
[] to replace Dr. Otto E. Guthe as Chairman of the Economic
Intelligence Committee (EIC), effective immediately. This appointment
is pursuant to paragraph 3.b. of the reference which states that the
representative from the Central Intelligence Agency shall serve as
Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee.

2. Dr. Guthe, the Director of CIA's Office of Research and Reports
(ORR), is retiring in December for reasons of health following nearly
31 years of distinguished service with the Federal Government, including
18 years with CIA. He has served as Chairman of the EIC since March
of 1953.

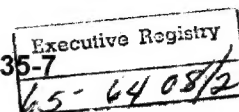
25X1 3. [] who is in charge of the Economic Research Area of
ORR, has been serving as Vice Chairman of the EIC. He is an outstanding
economist and has made many important contributions to national intelligence.
Following military service in the Navy during World War II, [] was 25X1
involved in various military intelligence and planning activities before he
came with the CIA in 1953, at which time he was placed in charge of the
economic research being undertaken within CIA.

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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

26 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Chairman for the Economic Intelligence Committee of the United States Intelligence Board

REFERENCE: Letter to DD/I from D/ORR, dated 26 October 1965

1. This memorandum, with the proposed action contained in paragraph 4, is prompted by my decision to retire on 30 December 1965 after nearly 31 years of Federal Service.

2. My 18 years with the Agency and my association with many fine men and women who have served the Agency during these years have not only brought me a deep sense of satisfaction in my career, but have also demonstrated to me how dependent one is on competent and experienced people in whom full confidence can be placed. The attached copy of the referenced letter to Ray Cline clearly expresses my reason for retiring.

3. The Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) was established under the Intelligence Advisory Committee early in the 1950s. It brought together representatives responsible for economic research not only from the departments and agencies of the intelligence community but also from other departments in the Government. Several subcommittees and working groups were soon established and the Committee, with its subcommittee structure, became an extremely active and useful coordinating body in support of the national intelligence effort. In recent years, some aspects of the

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work conducted under the auspices of the Committee have become relatively inactive while other aspects have grown in importance. There have been organizational changes within the structure of the Committee and its subordinate parts at various times in the past and some further reorganization of both structure and mission should be considered in the near future. It is my belief that the Committee, with its subcommittees and working groups, has successfully undertaken some very useful coordination and has issued extremely valuable agreed intelligence, largely on a periodic basis.

4. I recommend that you, as Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board, designate [redacted] currently Vice Chairman of the EIC and in charge of the Economic Research Area of the Agency's Office of Research and Reports, as Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee of the USIB vice Dr. Otto E. Guthe to become effective immediately in view of my imminent retirement. [redacted] has an international reputation as an outstanding economist. He had military service in the Navy during World War II. Following the war he was involved in various military intelligence and planning activities before he came with the CIA in 1953, at which time he was placed in charge of the economic research being undertaken within the Agency. I have no hesitation in saying that, in my mind, he is without question the most qualified person in the intelligence community to assume the Chairmanship of the Economic Intelligence Committee.

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OTTO E. GUTHE
Chairman

Economic Intelligence Committee

Attachment:
Referenced letter

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

6 NOV 1965

Date

/s/ Richard Helms

19 NOV 1965

Date

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

(signed) W. F. Raborn

26 NOV 1965

Date

Director of Central Intelligence

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